

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 28, 2003

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 178**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Oropeza**

January 23, 2003

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~~An act relating to medical privacy. An act to add Sections 104201 and 124252 to, and to add Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 124260) to Part 2 of Division 106 of, the Health and Safety Code, to add Section 12696.26 to the Insurance Code, to add Section 13823.17 to the Penal Code, and to add Sections 14513 and 24028 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to women's health.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 178, as amended, Oropeza. ~~Medical privacy—Women's Reproductive Health and Responsibility Act.~~

*Existing law establishes, or provides funding to the State Department of Health Services and other state entities to establish, various programs relating to women's health, including programs that are targeted to mother and child health; to the prevention, detection, and treatment of breast cancer and cervical and other gynecological cancers; preventing domestic violence; and rape prevention.*

*This bill would authorize the department and other state entities to conduct outreach activities to ensure that the public is aware of the services provided under these programs.*

~~The Confidentiality of Medical Information Act prohibits providers of health care, health care service plans, pharmaceutical companies, and contractors, as defined, from disclosing medical information regarding~~

~~a patient, without first obtaining authorization, except in specified instances.~~

~~This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to introduce legislation during the 2003-04 Regular Session that would further protect consumers from an invasion of their medical privacy.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~—yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to introduce~~  
*SECTION 1. This act shall be known as the Women's*  
*Reproductive Health and Responsibility Act.*

*SEC. 2. Section 104201 is added to the Health and Safety*  
*Code, to read:*

*104201. The department may conduct outreach activities to*  
*ensure that the public is aware of services concerning cancer*  
*detection, treatment, and control that are provided pursuant to the*  
*Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program, the Breast and*  
*Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, the Breast and*  
*Cervical Cancer Treatment Program, and the Gynecological*  
*Cancer Information Program.*

*SEC. 3. Section 124252 is added to the Health and Safety*  
*Code, to read:*

*124252. The department may conduct outreach activities to*  
*ensure that the public is aware of services provided pursuant to the*  
*Battered Women's Shelter Program.*

*SEC. 4. Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 124260) is*  
*added to Part 2 of Division 106 of the Health and Safety Code, to*  
*read:*

*CHAPTER 7. COMMUNITY OUTREACH*

*124260. The department may conduct outreach activities to*  
*ensure that the public is aware of services concerning mother and*  
*child health that are available pursuant to the Black Infant Health*  
*Program, the California Diabetes and Pregnancy Program, and*  
*the Perinatal Services Program.*

*SEC. 5. Section 12696.26 is added to the Insurance Code, to*  
*read:*

1 12696.26. The board may conduct outreach activities to  
2 ensure that the public is aware of services provided pursuant to the  
3 program.

4 SEC. 6. Section 13823.17 is added to the Penal Code, to read:

5 13823.17. The Office of Criminal Justice Planning may  
6 conduct outreach activities to ensure that the public is aware of  
7 services provided pursuant to the Family Violence Prevention  
8 Program and the Rape Prevention and Education Program.

9 SEC. 7. Section 14513 is added to the Welfare and Institutions  
10 Code, to read:

11 14513. The Office of Family Planning may conduct outreach  
12 activities to ensure that the public is aware of services concerning  
13 teens that are available pursuant to the Teen SMART Program, the  
14 Information and Education Grants Program, the Adolescent and  
15 Family Life Program, and the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Media  
16 Campaign Program.

17 SEC. 8. Section 24028 is added to the Welfare and Institutions  
18 Code, to read:

19 24028. The department may conduct outreach activities to  
20 ensure that the public is aware of family planning services that are  
21 available pursuant to the State-Only Family Planning Program.

22 ~~legislation during the 2003-04 Regular Session that would further~~  
23 ~~protect consumers from an invasion of their medical privacy.~~